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Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Aug. 21	Belize	Mobile	18	0	2
21	Preston	New Orleans	86	13	25

CHINA.

Report from Hankau—Cholera epidemic.

The following is received from Consul Pontius, at Hankow, under date of July 27: Cholera is epidemic.

Report from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Cholera and plague—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hough reports, July 30:

Week ended July 25: Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on July 18. Restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported on July 18.

Quarantinable diseases: Plague 17 cases, 14 deaths; cholera 4 cases, 3 deaths.

Vessels inspected and granted bills of health, 7.

COSTA RICA.

Report from Limon, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports:

Week ended August 22: Estimated population, 6,000. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

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Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Aug. 16	Frey	United States ports via Cuba	25	0	0
16	Esparta	Boston	44	6	0
17	Prinz Joachim	New York	172	175	7
20	Parismina	New Orleans	80	17	0
21	Zent	New York	55	5	0
22	Hispania	Mobile	20	3	0

Two bills of health for Panaman ports were viséed, and 45 certificates issued to passengers bound for Colon.